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UNITED STATES SENATE

Committee on Appropriations

August 3, 1953

Mr. Allen Dulles
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

This will acknowledge yours of August 1, 1953, in answer to my previous inquiries, both in writing and orally, in regard to the connections between Alger Hiss and Mr. Bundy, including the reasons why Mr. Bundy contributed so heavily to Hiss' defense fund. I note your refusal to give us any information in regard to the connection between Hiss and Bundy.

As you will recall, some time ago you met with the members of my Subcommittee and it was agreed that information should be available to the Committee if such information in no way endangered the security of your agency or impeded its work. As I recall, at that time you readily conceded that evidence of dishonesty, subversion, treason, etc., in your organization should not be hidden under a cloak of secrecy.

I understand that Mr. Bundy now holds a top position in your organization and has access to all secret information coming to your organization from various parts of the world. I further understand that he did not come with your organization until after Alger Hiss was in jail. For that reason, his contacts and association with and his contributions to Alger Hiss were of necessity prior to his employment by you, unless, of course, he has had contact with Hiss since he has been in jail.

Your insistence that the Congress is not entitled to obtain information about improper conduct on the part of your top officers is extremely revealing--doubtless so in view of the material which has been coming to me within the past few weeks. Unfortunately the Congress is going out of session tonight so that no action can be taken in the case of your protection and cover-up of Bundy. However, the full matter will be submitted to my Committee and undoubtedly to the Senate upon its return.

I might add that it would seem that the last man in the world who would try to protect and hide the facts about one of his top officers' associations with and contributions to a convicted traitor would be the head of the CIA. I think it is unnecessary for me to call your attention to the tremendous damage you thereby do this organization. That the matter cannot and will not rest here is, of course, obvious.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Joe McCarthy

JOE McCarthy

Chairman, Senate Subcommittee on Appropriations